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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF FOREIGN OFFICE PLANNING  
STAFF CHIEF BLECH

PLEASE DELIVER TO MR. SMYSER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS  
SECRETARY FOR LORD FROM BARTHOLOMEW

REF: BONN 15813

1. SINCE BLECH CONTACTED ANDERSON,DEVELOPMENTS IN SCHEDULE  
OF LORD AND OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE COMPLICATED  
PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE SEPTEMBER 29-30 BLECH VISIT TO  
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WASHINGTON. DESPITE THESE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS, LORD HAS

ADVISED US THAT HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE BLECH, AND, IN VIEW OF THE EXCELLENT RECEPTION AFFORDED US IN GERMANY, THAT HE WANTS TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE HIM.

2. SCHEDULES NOW HAVE LORD, AS WELL AS HABIB, SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 29 AND MOST OF SEPTEMBER 30. LORD COULD BE ARRIVING IN NEW YORK AS EARLY AS SEPTEMBER 27, ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT SETTLED.

DEPENDING ON TIMING OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH, LORD COULD POSSIBLY RETURN TO WASHINGTON BY MID-AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 30. HE PRESENTLY EXPECTS TO BE IN WASHINGTON OCTOBER 1, AS DO HABIB, SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN BUT SCHEDULES FOR OCTOBER 1 REMAIN UNSETTLED. ROGERS, VEST AND KRATZER PRESENTLY PLAN TO BE IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1. WE HAVE NOT YET SOUGHT ANY APPOINTMENTS. FYI ONLY. SECRETARY'S UNGA SPEECH PRESENTLY IS SCHEDULED FOR LATE MORNING SEPTEMBER 30 BUT COULD CHANGE. HARTMAN PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE OCTOBER 1 IN FIRST MEETING OF U.S. - SPANISH DEFENSE COUNCIL SO WOULD BE UNAVAILABLE ON THAT DATE. END FYI.

3. REQUEST YOU CONTACT BLECH EARLY SEPTEMBER 24 AND PASS ON INFORMATION IN PARAS 1 AND 2, STRESSING LORD'S STRONG PERSONAL WISH TO MEET WITH BLECH EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK. WE PRESENTLY SEE THREE POSSIBILITIES. IN ALL ALTERNATIVES, LORD WOULD WISH IN ANY EVENT TO SEE BLECH IN NEW YORK AT LEAST FOR LUNCH OR DRINKS. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW BLECH'S SCHEDULE IN NEW YORK.

(A) ADHERE TO SEPTEMBER 29/30 SCHEDULE IN WASHINGTON, WITH POSSIBILITY OF LORD PARTICIPATION LATE AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 30. BARTHOLOMEW AND S/P MEMBERS COULD HAVE EXCHANGE ON NUCLEAR MATTERS AND OTHER TOPICS DESIRED BY BLECH. WE COULD SEEK APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE, AVAILABLE SENIOR OFFICIALS, INCLUDING POSSIBLY ROGERS, VEST, KRATZER, AS WELL AS ARRANGE A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH EUR/CE.

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(B) MOVE 'ASHINGTON TRIP BACK TO SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 1, WHICH COULD FACILITATE LORD'S PARTICIPATION IN TALKS WITH BLECH AT DEPARTMENT (HOWEVER, LORD HESITATES TO ASK BLECH TO STAY OVER JUST FOR THIS.) AND APPOINTMENTS WITH OTHER OFFICIALS.

(C) DROP TRIP TO WASHINGTON AND SEEK TO ARRANGE SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS PRESENT IN NEW YORK FOR

UNGA.

5. REGRET THAT STILL-FLUID SCHEDULING ASSOCIATED WITH  
UNGA IS COMPLICATING SITUATION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE  
BLECH'S REACTION ASAP TO ABOVE ALTERNATIVES, OR OTHER  
OPTION, AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ARRANGE USEFUL SCHEDULE.  
YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE LORD AND S/P INTEREST IN SEEING  
HIM. ROBINSON

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